

Volunteer Opportunity

POSITION TITLE

Siren Watch



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DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that only takes five minutes a week AND that you can do from work or home? Siren Watchers monitor and report on one assigned outdoor warning siren every Wednesday after the noon test (weather permitting). Reports are just a short form completed online. FCEM&HS staff monitors your reports and investigates any potential system errors. If you expressed interest in watching sirens in the past or as a "Siren Buddy", please register online to continue your involvement.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

326

DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Weekly on Wednesday at noon near your assigned siren. Sirens may not be tested in inclement weather. We understand that occasionally you may not be able to report due to work, travel or other personal reasons.

TRAINING, SPECIAL SKILLS OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Siren Watchers will be briefed on the Outdoor Warning Siren system and how to submit weekly reports over the Internet. You will need a computer with Internet access.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Franklin County Outdoor Warning Siren system currently consists of 163 sirens that are tested each Wednesday at noon, weather permitting. Each siren sounds for 20 seconds, rests for 40 seconds, sounds for 20 seconds and then stops completely. On the first Wednesday of every month, the voice capability is tested for about three minutes.

IMPACT

Sirens are tested electronically every week, but a computer can't substitute for community vigilance. Lightning and vandalism can affect the sound quality of sirens. Your help will allow us to detect and report potential system errors as early as possible and ensure that your neighborhood will receive adequate warning in emergencies.



OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS ARE ONLY PART OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

- Every home, school and business should have a NOAA weather alert radio-learn more at www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/nwrrcvr.htm.
- Outdoor sirens warn people *outside* to seek shelter and tune into local TV and radio stations or weather radios for more information.
- The Emergency Alert System for TV and radio delivers important alerts.
- The Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS) may warn of localized emergencies like flooding.
- Clear Channel billboards and Ohio Department of Transportation electronic road signs may show warning for tornados and hazardous materials spills.

Learn more online at www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/siren-status.cfm